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SUBJECT: ECLA: MTN RESOLUTION

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1. ECLA PLENARY UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED MTN RESOLUTION FRIDAY MORNING, MARCH 30. U. S. DELEGATION PROPOSED TWO AMENDMENTS ALONG LINES PROPOSED PARA 17 OF REF (B). THESE AMENDMENTS, IN ADDITION TO THOSE REPORTED (REF A), WERE ACCEPTED BY LA'S, ON UNDERSTANDING U. S. WOULD JOIN IN CONSENSUS VOTE. BRAZIL, MEXICO AND CHILE COMMENTED FOR LA'S IN ACCEPTING U. S. PROPOSAL. U. S. ALSO MADE STATEMENT FOR RECORD IN EXPLANATION OF VOTE. (SEE PARA 3 BELOW) FRANCE, U. K., CANADA, NETHERLANDS LATER EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR U. S. DELEGATIONS ROLE IN SUCCESSFULLY MODIFYING INITIAL DRAFT TO MORE ACCEPTABLE RESOLUTION, ALTHOUGH MOST OF THESE COUNTRIES WOULD PROBABLY HAVE GONE ALONG RELUCTANTLY WITH INITIAL LA DRAFT. THIS WOULD HAVE LEFT THE U. S. ISOLATED AND IDENTIFIED BY LA'S AS OPPOSED TO THEIR MAKING EFFECTIVE PREPARATIONS TO PARTICIPATE IN MTN, AS CHILEANS HAD EARLIER ATTEMPTED TO IN COMMITTEE MEETINGS.

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2. DURING PLENARY DEBATE, NETHERLANDS SUGGESTED THAT " CONTRACTING PARTIES OF GATT" BE SUBSTITUTED FOR " MEMBER COUNTRIES OF GATT" AS MORE ACCURATE LANGUAGE. U. S. READILY AGREED, BUT LA' S WOULD NOT ACCEPT THIS CHANGE IN THEIR CONSENSUS, AND NETHERLANDS WITHDREW SUGGESTION. (U. S. DEL HAD EARLIER ATTEMPTED INFORMALLY ATTAIN SIMILAR CHANGE, TO LEARN THAT LA CAUCUS HAD SPENT HOURS ARGUING OVER HOW LABEL DEVELOPED COUNTRIES.)

3. AMB. ZAGORIN' S STATEMENT FOR RECORD FOLLOWS:

BEGIN QUOTE

STATEMENT BY AMBASSADOR ZAGORIN ON CONFERENCE ROOM PAPER NO. 9 ,
REV. 1 PREPARATION OF LATIN AMERICA FOR THE 1973 MULTILATERAL
TRADE NEGOTIATIONS.....

AMBASSADOR ZAGORIN SAID THAT THIS RESOLUTION HAD BEEN THE SUBJECT
OF CONSIDERABLE DISCUSSION DURING THE LAST SEVERAL DAYS.
SOME REVISIONS HAD BEEN MADE IN IT, WHICH WOULD MAKE IT MORE
ACCEPTABLE. THE U. S. DELEGATION HAD TWO ADDITIONAL AMENDMENTS
TO PROPOSE IN THIS PLENARY SESSION. IF THESE WERE ACCEPTED
THE U. S. WOULD BE PREPARED TO VOTE IN FAVOR OF THE RESOLUTION.

AMBASSADOR ZAGORIN NOTED THAT IN YESTERDAY' S WORKING SESSION
HE HAD PLACED SPECIFIC REVISIONS ON OPERATIVE PARAGRAPHS ONE
AND FIVE AND HE WOULD DEAL WITH THOSE PARAGRAPHS AND MAKE
ADDITIONAL COMMENTS DURING THE PLENARY.

THE FIRST AMENDMENT WOULD APPLY TO THE FIRST LINE OF THE FIRST
PREAMBULAR PARAGRAPH ELIMINATING THE WORDS " MARKET ECONOMY" AND
SUBSTITUTING " MEMBERS OF GATT". THE SECOND AMENDMENT WOULD DEAL
WITH PARAGRAPH FIVE. THIS AMENDMENT DID NOT ENTIRELY
MEET THE EXPRESSED WISH OF THE U. S. DELEGATION IN THE COMMITTEE
MEETING YESTERDAY IN WHICH IT WAS PROPOSED THAT THIS PARAGRAPH
BE DELETED. HOWEVER, IN A COOPERATIVE EFFORT TO REACH AGREEMENT
ON THIS ISSUE, THE U. S. WAS MAKING THE FOLLOWING PROPOSAL:
THE INTRODUCTORY WORD " REQUESTS" WOULD BE REPLACED BY " INVITES"
AND AFTER THE PHRASE " TO CONSIDER" THERE WOULD BE ADDED " IN
ACCORDANCE WITH ITS PROCEDURES".

RETURNING TO OUR OBSERVATION IN THE COMMITTEE MEETING YESTERDAY,
AND THE REJECTION OF OUR PROPOSED ADDITION TO OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH
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ONE, " WITHIN ITS CURRENT BUDGETARY CEILING" THE U. S. DELEGATION WAS PREPARED TO ACCEPT THE EXPLANATION OFFERED BY THE SECRETARIAT. WE UNDERSTOOD THERE WERE NO FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS IN THIS RESOLUTION AND THAT THESE ACTIVITIES WOULD BE INCORPORATED WITHIN THE CONTENTS OF THE 1973-75 ECLA WORK PROGRAM WHICH HAD BEEN APPROVED IN COMMITTEE.

CONCERNING OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH 2 OUR PROPOSAL IN COMMITTEE " WHICH DOES NOT DUPLICATE THE WORK OF THE GATT SECRETARIAT" HAD BEEN MODIFIED BY A COUNTER- PROPOSAL OF THE CO- SPONSORS INTENDED TO MEET THE POINT. WE COULD ACCEPT THE NEW LANGUAGE AS NOW PROPOSED. IN ADDITION, THE U. S. ASKS TO HAVE THIS LANGUAGE RECORDED: " ALTHOUGH WE REMAIN CONVINCED THAT ADEQUATE PREPARATION FOR MTN IS HIGHLY IMPORTANT FOR LDCS (AND OUR ACTIONS HAVE, WE BELIEVE, BEEN SUPPORTIVE OF THIS OBJECTIVE), WE ARE CONCERNED OVER PROLIFERATION AND POSSIBLE DUPLICATION OF EFFORTS IN THIS FIELD BY DIFFERENT INTERNATIONAL AGENCIES. WE BELIEVE ACTIVITIES BY AGENCIES OTHER THAN GATT SHOULD CLEARLY BE NON- DUPLICATIVE."

THE U. S. DELEGATION ALSO MADE A STATEMENT CONCERNING ITS VIEW OF ECLA' S ROLE IN THE TRADE NEGOTIATIONS: " THE U. S. DELEGATION STATED THAT PARTICIPATION IN THE MULTILATERAL TRADE NEGOTIATIONS BE LIMITED TO GOVERNMENTS AND THE EC COMMISSION. WE TAKE NOTE THAT ECLA' S ROLE IN THIS WILL ENTAIL INTER ALIA THE PREPARATION OF SEVERAL STUDIES, AND THE TRAINING AND PREPARATION OF LATIN AMERICAN NEGOTIATORS BY MEANS OF MEETINGS OF GOVERNMENT EXPERTS AND HIGH- LEVEL OFFICIALS WHO WILL PARTICIPATE IN THE GATT NEGOTIATIONS."

CONCERNING OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH 5 (B) AND THE SECOND STAGE OF UNDP FINANCING TO UNCTAD ON BEHALF OF ECLA FOR ASSISTANCE IN PREPARATIONS FOR NEGOTIATIONS, WE BELIEVE IT WAS MUCH TOO EARLY AND PREMATURE TO TAKE A FIRM POSITION ON THIS SECOND PHASE. WHILE ECLA COULD PERHAPS BE COMMENDED FOR ADVANCED PLANNING, ANY PROPOSALS FOR THE SECOND PHASE SHOULD BE FORMULATED ON THE BASIS OF ASSESSING NEEDS IN THE LIGHT OF EXPERIENCE IN THE FIRST PHASE. ALSO, THE U. S. DID NOT WISH TO PRE- JUDGE THE QUESTION WHICH WAS A MATTER FOR UNDP ALONE TO DECIDE. END QUOTE
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